grid, taken over all points of intersection of the grid, corresponds to the dot spacing a of a periodic dot grid having the same size and the same number of grid points and in that the autocorrelation function of the grid decreases rapidly in all directions for values which are greater than a.

10. (Amended) Electrochromic display element according to [one or more of] Claim[s] 1 [to 9], characterized in that the metal grid or pattern of strips on the electrode or electrodes is deposited on the transparent, electrically conductive layer.

11. (Amended) Electrochromic display element according to [one or more of] Claim[s] 1 [to 10], characterized in that the transparent, electrically conductive layer on the electrode is deposited on the metal grid or pattern of strips.

12. (Amended) Electrochromic display element according to [one or more of] Claim[s] 1 [to 11], characterized in that the grid or pattern of strips of at least one electrode has a minimum mesh spacing of 3 mm.

13. (Amended) Electrochromic display element according to [one or more of] Claim[s] 1 [to 12], characterized in that the grid or pattern of strips has a maximum optical density of 0.3.

Remarks

By way of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-13 are pending. Claims 5,7 and 9-13 have been amended. These claim amendments and additions are being made solely for purposes of eliminating multiple claim dependencies.

Applicants believe that the subject matter of the pending claims is patentable and that the instant application should accordingly be allowed. If the Examiner believes that a conversation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in expediting